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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Peter A. Ahl, DOB: 7/12/63, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, pleaded guilty today to filing false tax returns for the years 1999 and 2000. On each charge, Ahl faces a maximum penalty of three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for December 5, 2005, at 1:15 p.m.

The government's proof at the guilty plea hearing established that Ahl formerly owned and operated the Main Pub, 118 South Main Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin. Ahl paid his bartenders in cash and there was no withholding for tax purposes. In addition, Ahl kept a double set of books and reported substantially lower receipts on his tax returns than were actually received by the business. In 2000, he under-reported his receipts by approximately \$89,000.

United States Attorney Sinnott stated that today's guilty plea was the result of an investigation conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division; the Eagle River Police Department; and the Vilas County Sheriff's Department. Prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney John

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